Listing of the Claims:

Below is a listing of all claims using a strikethrough and underlining to show changes.

1. (Currently Amended) A program processing apparatus, comprising:

electronic program guide acquisition means for acquiring an electronic program guide;

condition determination means for determining a condition of each of programs to be displayed on the electronic program guide;

electronic program guide displaying means for displaying the electronic program guide in a display form wherein the electronic program guide reflects the conditions of the programs determined by said condition determination means; and

program processing means operable in response to selection, by a user, of one of the programs included in the electronic program guide displayed by said electronic program guide displaying means for executing a program process in accordance with the condition of the selected program;

wherein said electronic program guide preparation server determines whether or not an electronic program guide should be distributed to said program processing apparatus based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from said program processing apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) A program processing system for performing a program process using an electronic program guide, comprising:

a program processing apparatus for executing a program process; and

an electronic program guide preparation server for preparing an electronic program guide;

said electronic program guide preparation server including reception means for receiving data regarding programs through a communication network, determination means for determining a condition of each of the programs based on the data regarding the programs, electronic program guide preparation means for preparing an electronic

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program guide of a modified display form wherein a selection section for performing a process in accordance with the condition of each of the programs is displayed, and transmission means for transmitting the prepared electronic program guide to said program processing apparatus;

said program processing apparatus including electronic program guide displaying means for displaying the electronic program guide received through said communication network and program processing means operable in response to selection of one of the selection sections displayed on the electronic program guide for executing a program process corresponding to the selected selection section;

wherein said electronic program guide preparation server determines whether or not an electronic program guide should be distributed to said program processing apparatus based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from said program processing apparatus.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) A program processing system as claimed in claim 2, wherein a consideration which differs depending upon a privacy level of information sent from said program processing apparatus is imposed for distribution of an electronic program guide from said electronic program guide preparation server to said program processing apparatus.

5. (Currently Amended) A program processing system for performing a program process using an electronic program guide, comprising:

a program processing apparatus for executing a program process; and

an electronic program guide preparation server for preparing an electronic program guide;

said electronic program guide preparation server including electronic program guide preparation means for preparing an electronic program guide in which a link to be handled by said program processing apparatus is embedded and transmission means for transmitting the electronic program guide prepared by said electronic program guide preparation means;

said program processing apparatus including displaying means for displaying an electronic program guide of a display form modified based on ~~the~~ conditions of the programs to be displayed on the electronic program guide received from said electronic program guide preparation server and program processing means for executing a program process in accordance with the conditions of the programs using the link embedded in the electronic program guide in accordance with an instruction of a user;

wherein said electronic program guide preparation server determines whether or not an electronic program guide should be distributed to said program processing apparatus based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from said program processing apparatus.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A program processing system as claimed in claim 5, wherein a consideration which differs depending upon a privacy level of information sent from said program processing apparatus is imposed for distribution of an electronic program guide from said electronic program guide preparation server to said program processing apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) A program processing system for performing a program process using an electronic program guide, comprising:

a program processing apparatus for executing a program process; and

an electronic program guide preparation server for preparing an electronic program guide;

said program processing apparatus including reception means for receiving an electronic program guide from said electronic program guide preparation server and displaying means for preparing an electronic program guide of a display form modified in accordance with ~~the~~ conditions of the programs to be displayed on the electronic program guide and displaying the prepared electronic program guide;

wherein said electronic program guide preparation server determines whether or not an electronic program guide should be distributed to said program processing

apparatus based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from said program processing apparatus.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A program processing system as claimed in claim 8, wherein a consideration which differs depending upon a privacy level of information sent from said program processing apparatus is imposed for distribution of an electronic program guide from said electronic program guide preparation server to said program processing apparatus.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A program~~ A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

receiving an electronic program guide regarding a program through a communication network;

determining a condition of each of programs based on data regarding the programs;

preparing an electronic program guide of a modified display form wherein a selection section for performing a process in accordance with the condition of each of the programs is displayed; and

determining whether or not the electronic program guide should be distributed to the communication network based on a privacy level of information sent thereto from a program processing apparatus connected to the communication network; and

if it is determined that the program guide should be distributed, then transmitting the prepared electronic program guide toward the communication network.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A program~~ A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

receiving an electronic program guide through a communication network;

displaying the received electronic program guide; and

executing a program process in response to selection of one of the selection sections displayed on the electronic program guide, and in response to a privacy level selected by a user.